

**Click Bishop**

*Commissioner*

P.O. Box 111149

Juneau, AK 99811-1149

[www.labor.alaska.gov](http://www.labor.alaska.gov)



**Beth Leschper**

*Communications Director*

907.465.2700

cell: 907.723.1321

[beth.leschper@alaska.gov](mailto:beth.leschper@alaska.gov)

## Press Release

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 09-25

April 23, 2009

For more information: Tom Nelson, Employment Security Division Director  
907-465-2712, [Thomas.Nelson@Alaska.Gov](mailto:Thomas.Nelson@Alaska.Gov)

### **Emmonak Career Fair Serves Job Seekers; Other Area Fairs Offer More Opportunities**

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's career fair in Emmonak is just one of the outreach efforts that provide information about jobs and job training. The fair was open to all area residents, including those from Alakanuk, Kotlik and Nunam Iqua.

"About 160 job seekers had a chance to interview directly with employers, learn about job openings in law enforcement and in the seafood, travel and tourism industries, and discover job training opportunities," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "Our staff is assisting 50 Alaskans to register for work and employment services through ALEXsys, Alaska's online job bank operated by the department, which increases the area registration to more than 270."

Employment and training specialists also hosted or participated in career fairs in Fairbanks and Shaktoolik on April 21 and Gambell on April 22.

Fairs are scheduled for Anchorage Midtown (At-Sea Processors) and St. Michael today (April 23), Chevak on May 1 and Mat-Su College in Palmer on May 6. Department staff will conduct outreach visits in Savoonga on April 28, Shishmaref on May 11, Stebbins on May 13, Gambell on May 19-20 and St. Michael on May 27.

Exhibitors at the Emmonak Career Fair, held on April 20, were the Alaska State Troopers, Association of Village Council Presidents Village Public Safety Officer Program, Association of Village Council Presidents Workforce Development, Golden Alaska Seafoods, Ocean Beauty Seafoods, Westward Seafoods, Yukon-Delta Fisheries, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Yuut Yaqungviat Flight School and the Department of Labor. The Department of Labor and Yukon-Delta Fisheries provided support for exhibitors.

Job seekers learned about the Alaska Job Center Network, through which Alaskans can connect with employers and find out about career and job seeker resources. Job center staff provided information about training opportunities – including registered apprenticeships – and unemployment benefits, vocational rehabilitation programs and public assistance.

The department's Business Connection staff will continue working with employers to assist in recruitment visits to these areas, providing opportunities for job seekers to link directly with employers.

###

**Video will be available on the Governor's Satellite Window at 3:30 p.m. today.**